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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/588,436

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2008.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG/US)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gotoh et al (US 6,215,236).

Regarding claim 1, Gotoh et al ('236) discloses a halogen lamp having a lamp envelope 2, a light source located inside the base 13 (figure 1), the lamp having a sealed end 7, .two mutually opposite broad faces (not labeled), two mutually opposite narrow end faces 12 and the lamp base 13 having a metallic sleeve 17, 18. The sealed end of the lamp is fixed (figure 1), at least of the narrow end faces 12 and the metallic base sleeve are provided with matching means for latch connection (figure 4).

Regarding claim 2, figure 4 shows at least one narrow end face is provided with at least notch and the metallic base sleeve is equipped with a wall area 3 engaging in the former.

Regarding claim 3, the wall area 3 is at least one locking plate pointing into the inside space of the base sleeve as shown in figure 4.

Regarding claim 4, wall area is constructed as at least one bulge pointing into the space of the base sleeve in the base sleeve wall is shown in figure 4.

Regarding claim 5, figure 4 shows how the metallic base sleeve has at least one opening to house the sealed end of the lamp.

Regarding claim 6, the metallic sleeve 3, has at least two plates 11 which are molded on to two mutually opposite edges of the opening and rest against one of the broad faces of the sealed end of the lamp envelope.

Regarding claim 7, the broad face of the sealed end of the lamp envelope is provided with at least two molded on guide webs 5, extending in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle headlight bulb which serves as a stop for in each case one of the two plates.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed September 2, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Page 4 of remarks shows two different patent numbers the ('236) seems to be the correct last three number of the Gotoh patent, the applicant argues that the prior art fail to teach or suggest the lamp of Gotoh at least one narrow face 3 and matching means 12 which can be found in figure 1 and matching means for a latch connection can be found in figure 4. Regarding claims 2-4 the narrow side 3 is attached to the protrusion 12 which is latched to the spring finger of the base. Furthermore it is not clear to what section of the lamp is the narrow and broad according to MPEP 2111 the examiner has broadly interpreted the narrow end to be the lower section of the lamp the upper area of the lamp being broad area.

Regarding the arguments on page 5 the claims as written has been interpreted as such above furthermore the press seal having a narrow side wall a shaped latch element is not taught or suggested by the claims or specifications.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. Ward whose telephone number is 571-272-2386. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jong (James) Lee can be reached on 571-272-7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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